Securing the Billions of Devices Around Us
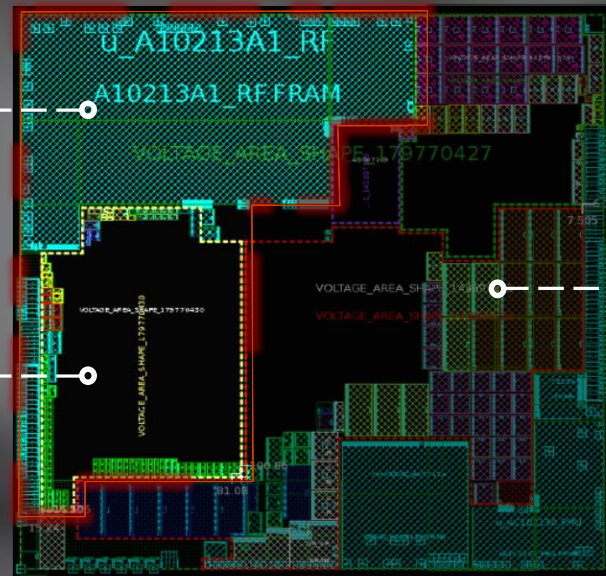
Dr. Galen Hunt
Distinguished Engineer and Managing Director
Microsoft Azure Sphere

Radio Analog

2.4 & 5 GHz

Radio Digital

WiFi

MCU

192Mhz Cortex-M4
256KB SRAM
1MB NOR FLASH
GPIO, I2C, I2S, etc.
RTOS (no kernel)

MCU (Microcontroller)
low-cost, single chip computer

9 BILLION new MCU devices
built and deployed every year

Connected devices create profoundly better customer experiences.

How do you know if
the compressor in your fridge
needs to be replaced?

The Old Way
Melted ice cream

The New Way
Auto-diagnosis

Opportunity | Risk

What happens when you connect
a device to the internet?

"The internet is this cauldron of evil."
Dr. James Mickens, Harvard University

"Ransomware attacks will target more IoT devices in 2018"

"Huge IoT botnet may be used for Ukraine attack"

"Industrial IoT to equip new era of corporate intruders coming in through devices"

"When smart gadgets spy on you: Your home life is less private than you think"

"Hacking these IoT baby monitors is child's play, researchers reveal"

"Security experts warn of dangers of connected home devices"

"Hackers infect 500,000 consumer routers all over the world with malware"

"Your smart fridge may kill you: The dark side of IoT"

"The Lurking Danger of Medical Device Hackers"

"Why the KRACK Wi-Fi mess will take decades to clean up"

"Hacking critical infrastructure via a vending machine? The IOT reality"

"Protecting Your Family: The Internet of Things Gives Hackers Creepy New Options"

Mirai Botnet attack

Everyday devices are used to launch an attack that takes down the internet for a day

100k devices

Exploited a well known weakness

No early detection, no remote update

Building a highly-secured device is difficult and costly.

Design and build a holistic solution

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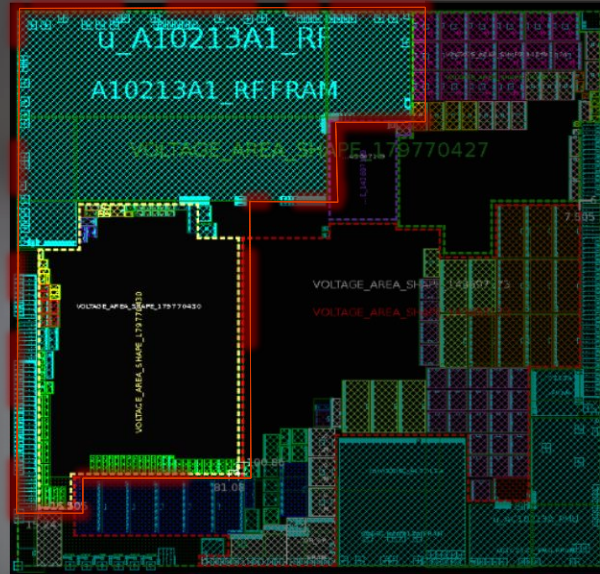## Recognize and mitigate emerging threats

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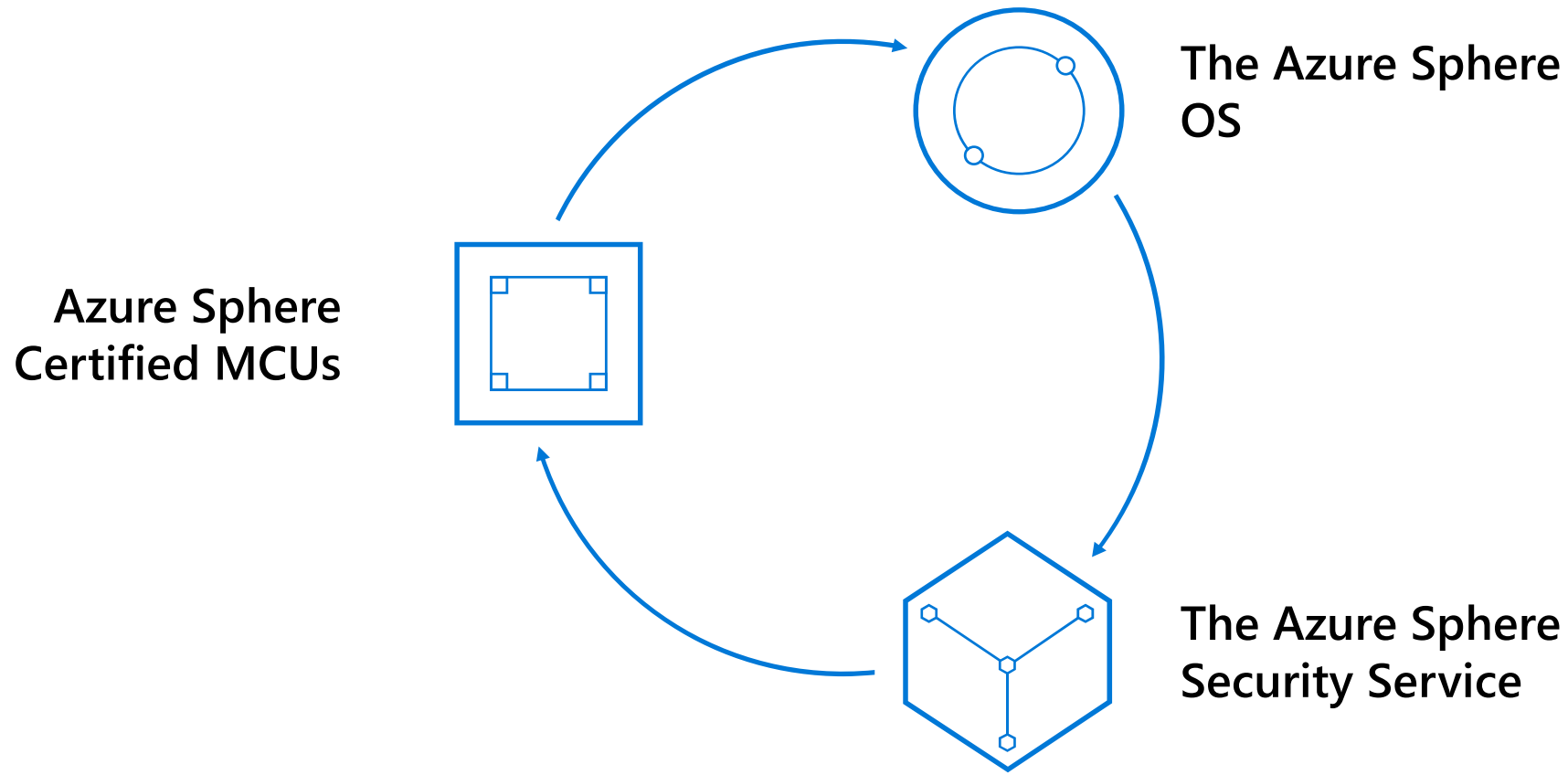
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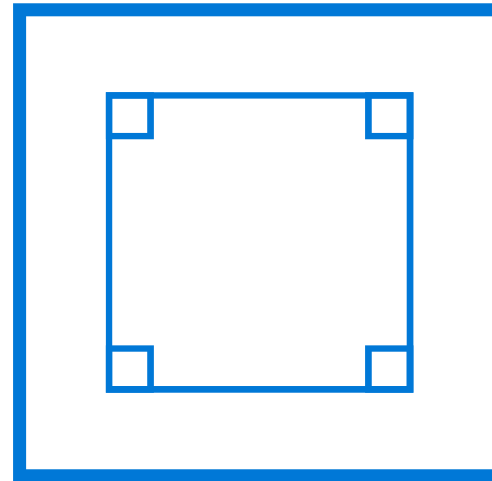How can we secure the **9 BILLION** new MCU-based devices built and deployed every year?

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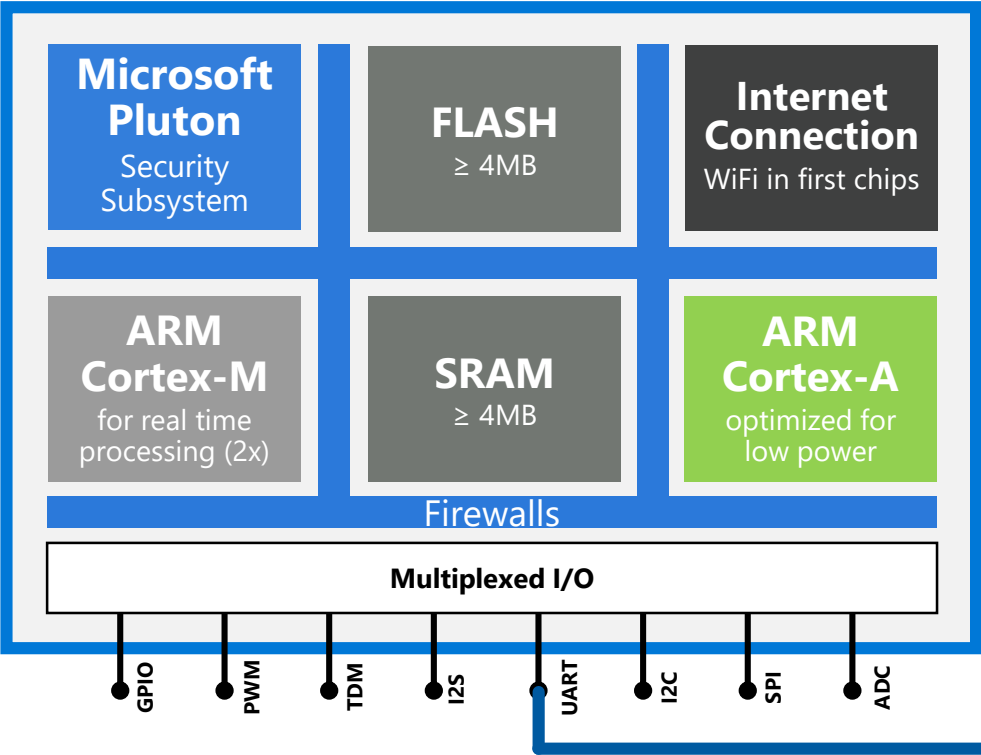
Azure Sphere
Certified MCUs

The Azure Sphere
OS

The Azure Sphere
Security Service

Azure Sphere Certified Chips

with a built-in **hardware root of trust**
created from Microsoft's learnings securing
three generations of Xbox consoles.

Azure Sphere defines two templates for secured chips
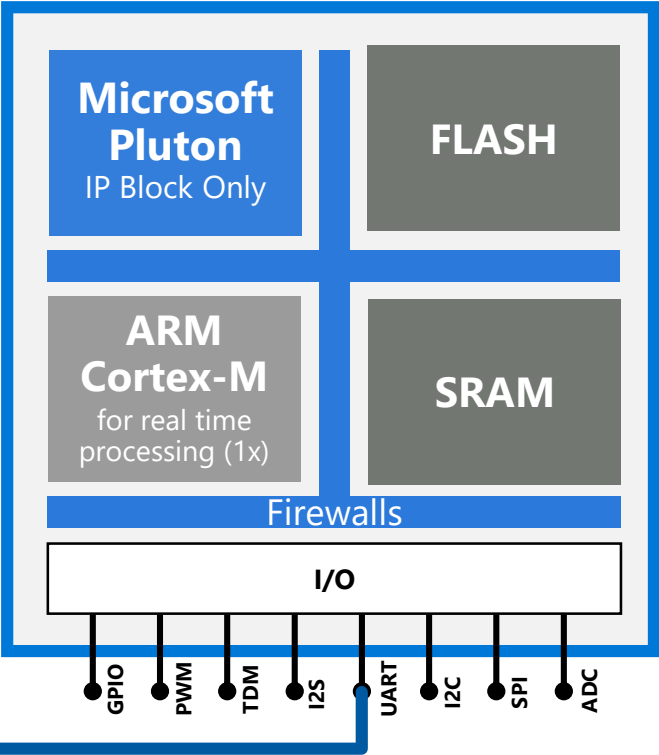

Certified Azure Sphere Chip
Highly-Secured & Internet Connected

Microsoft Pluton — Security Subsystem

FLASH — ≥ 4MB

Internet Connection — WiFi in first chips

ARM Cortex-M — for real time processing (2x)

SRAM — ≥ 4MB

ARM Cortex-A — optimized for low power

Firewalls

Multiplexed I/O

GPIO | PWM | TDM | I2S | UART | I2C | SPI | ADC

Guarded
No Internet Connection

Microsoft Pluton — IP Block Only

FLASH

ARM Cortex-M — for real time processing (1x)

SRAM

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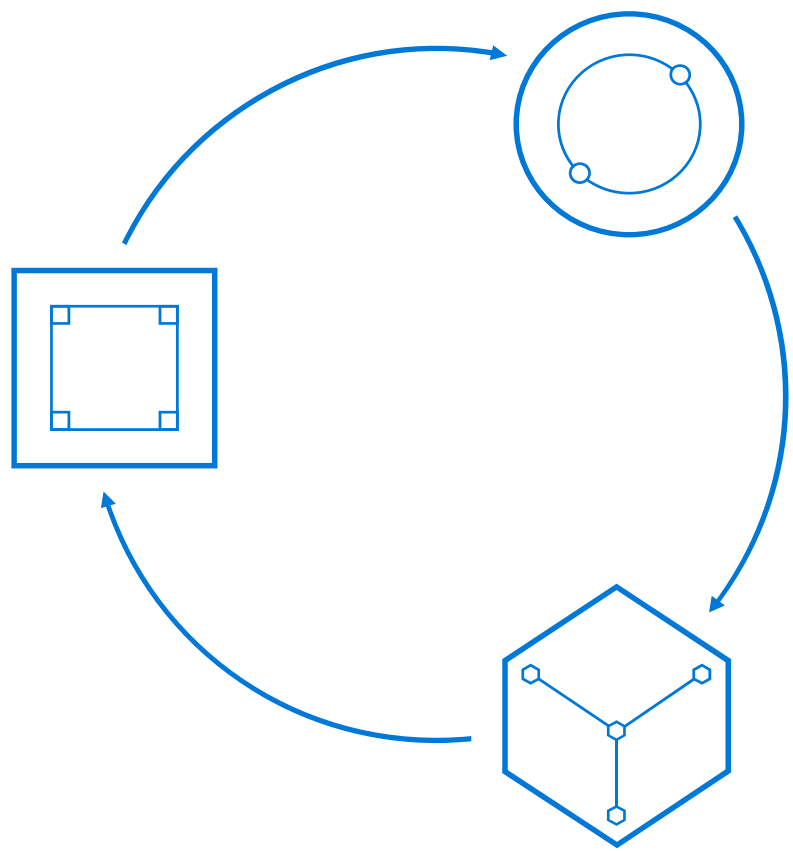
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SECURED with full Pluton Security Subsystem

CONNECTED with built-in Internet networking

CROSSOVER rich processing brought to MCUs

LOCKED with Pluton IP block

GUARDED by full Azure Sphere Chip
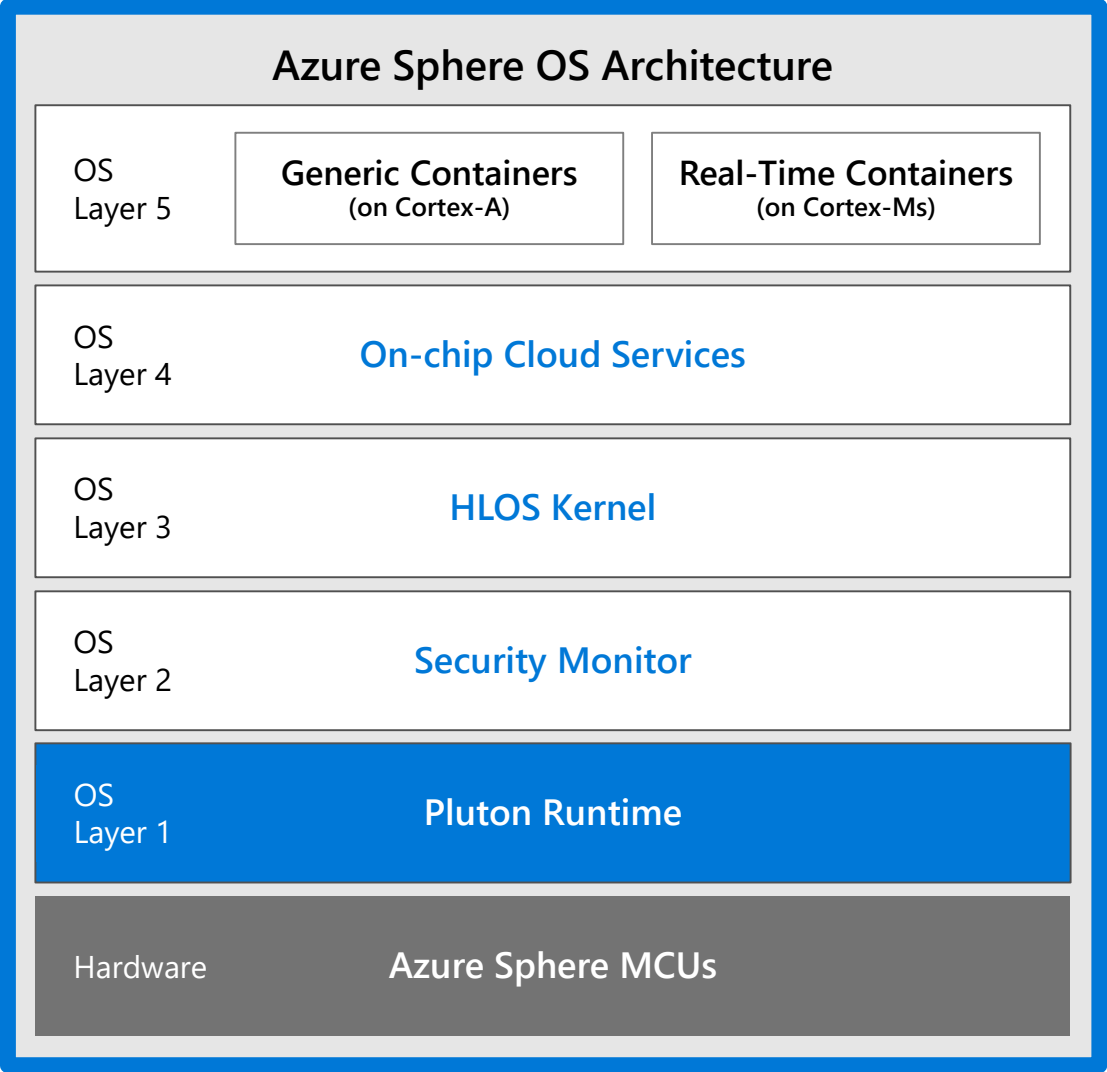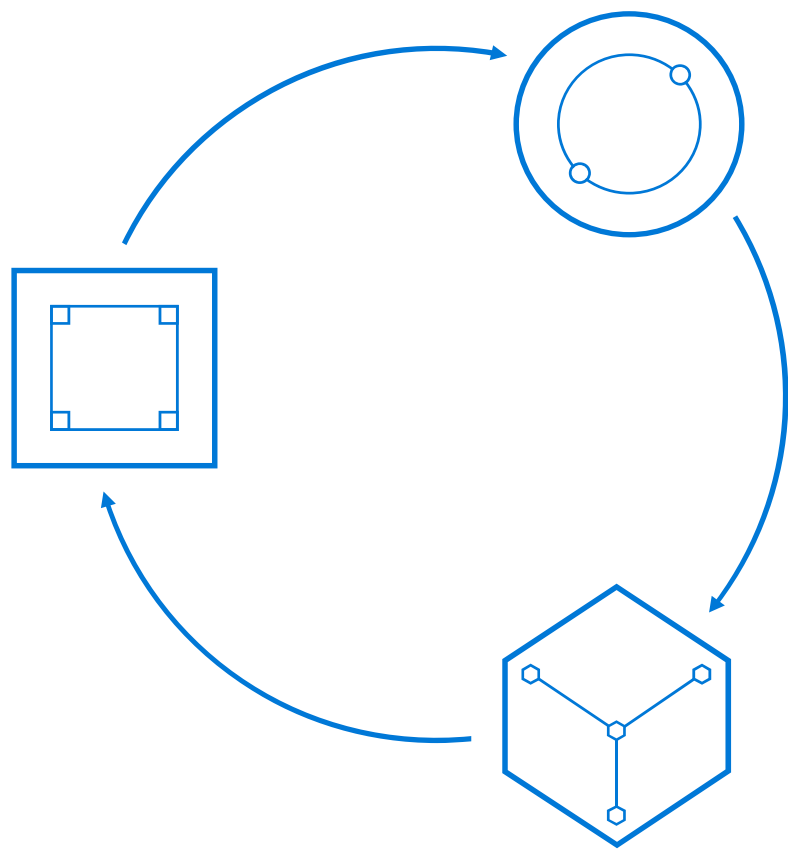
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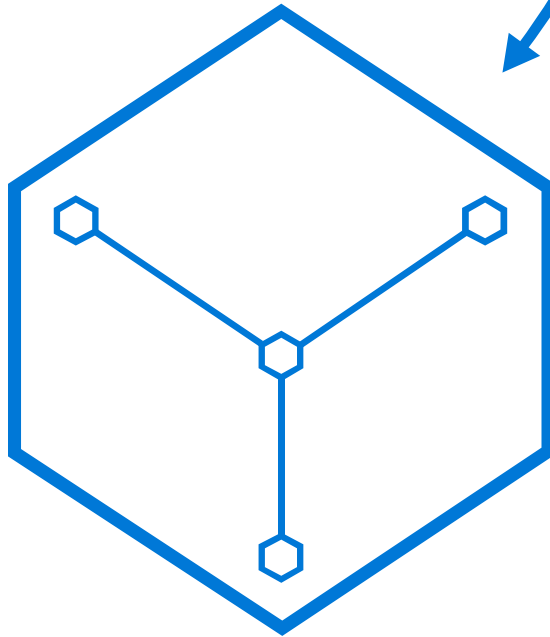
The Azure Sphere OS

a multi-layer defense-in-depth OS that merges the best of Microsoft and OSS technologies to create **a trustworthy platform** for new IoT experiences

The Azure Sphere OS is optimized for IoT, security, and agility

Secure Application Containers
Compartmentalize code for agility, robustness & security

On-chip Cloud Services
Provide update, authentication, and connectivity

Custom Linux kernel
Empowers agile silicon evolution and reuse of code

Security Monitor
Guards integrity and access to hardware resources

Pluton Runtime
Controls processing cores and access to crypto ops

Azure Sphere OS Architecture

OS Layer 5	**Generic Containers** (on Cortex-A) **Real-Time Containers** (on Cortex-Ms)
OS Layer 4	**On-chip Cloud Services**
OS Layer 3	**HLOS Kernel**
OS Layer 2	**Security Monitor**
OS Layer 1	**Pluton Runtime**
Hardware	**Azure Sphere MCUs**

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guards every Azure Sphere device; it **brokers trust** for connectivity through certificate based authentication, **detects emerging threats** through online failure reporting, and **renews device security** through software updates.
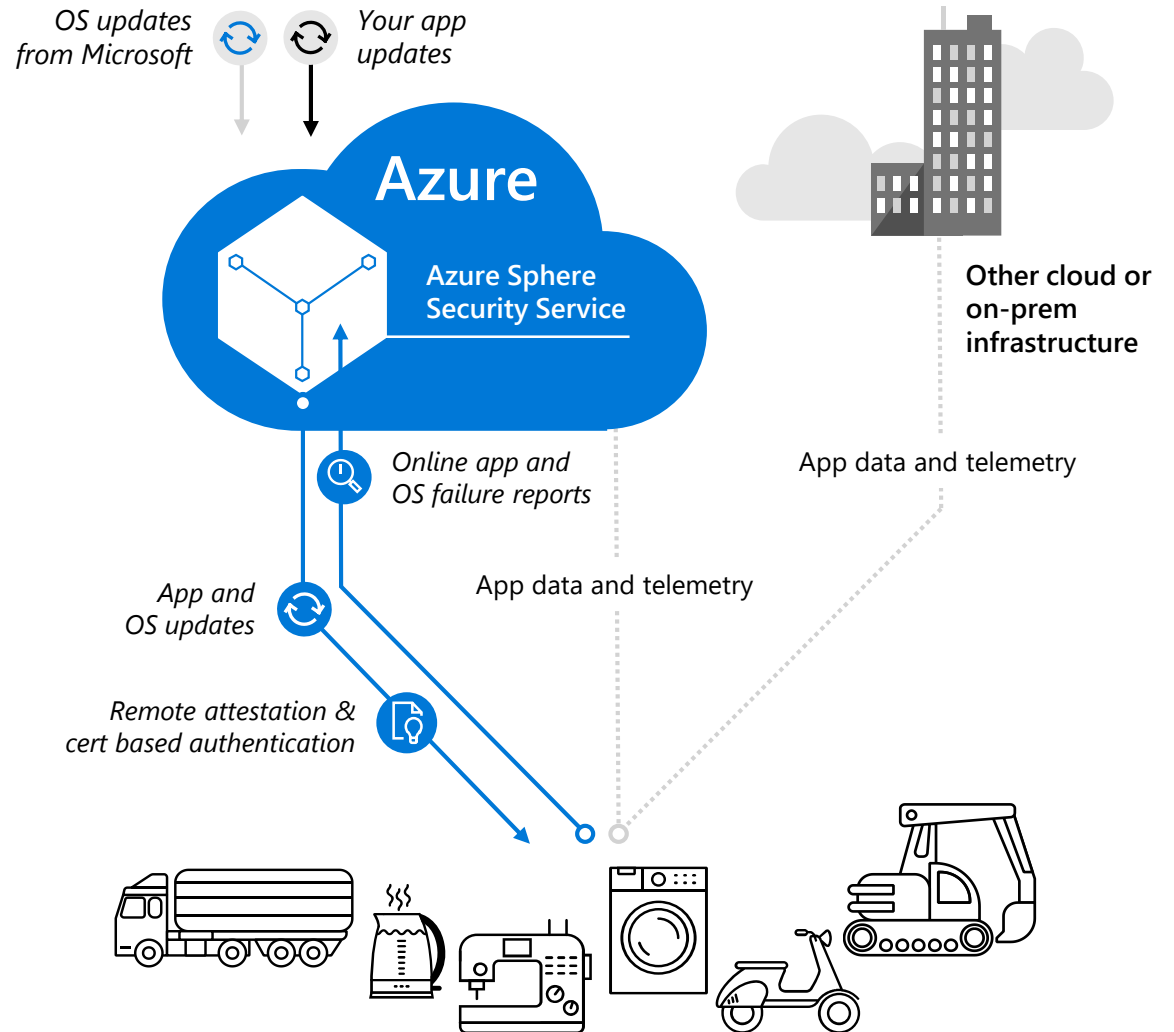
The Azure Sphere Security Service connects and protects every Azure Sphere device

Protects your devices and your customers with certificate-based authentication of all communication

Detects emerging security threats through automated processing of on-device failures

Responds to threats with fully automated on-device updates of OS

Allows for easy deployment of software updates to Azure Sphere powered devices

OS updates from Microsoft   *Your app updates*

Azure

Azure Sphere Security Service

Other cloud or on-prem infrastructure

Online app and OS failure reports

App data and telemetry

App and OS updates

App data and telemetry

Remote attestation & cert based authentication

Device Security is like a stool; it requires three legs:

Secured OS

Secured MCUs

Securing Cloud Service

How do we think about device security?

Microsoft has more than 25 years experience protecting customers and their devices.

My career begins at Microsoft

First Microsoft Datacenter

First internet virus spreads malicious Kaos code

First AOL Trojan appears

DoS attacks shut down Yahoo!, Buy.com, Amazon, eBay and CNN.

Trustworthy Computing Initiative

Digital Crimes Unit

Operations Security Assurance

1989	1994	1995	1997	1998	1999	2004	2005	2007	2014	2017

The first documented ransomware attack

Microsoft Security Response Center

Introduction of phrase: *The Internet of Things*

Cabir, the first mobile device worm, is developed

Microsoft Security Response Center

Malware Protection Center

Security Development Lifecycle

The first reported ransomware attack occurs on connected devices

SECURITY IS FOUNDATIONAL

It must be built in from the beginning.

The 7 properties of highly secured devices

Is your device highly secured or does it just have some security features?

Hardware Root of Trust

Is your device's identity and software integrity secured by hardware?

Defense in Depth

Does your device remain protected if one of its security mechanisms is defeated?

Small Trusted Computing Base

Is your device's security-enforcement code protected from bugs in other code?

Dynamic Compartments

Can your device's security enforcement improve after deployment?

Certificate-Based Authentication

Does your device use certificates instead of passwords for authentication?

Failure Reporting

Does your device report back failures and anomalies?

Renewable Security

Does your device's software update automatically?
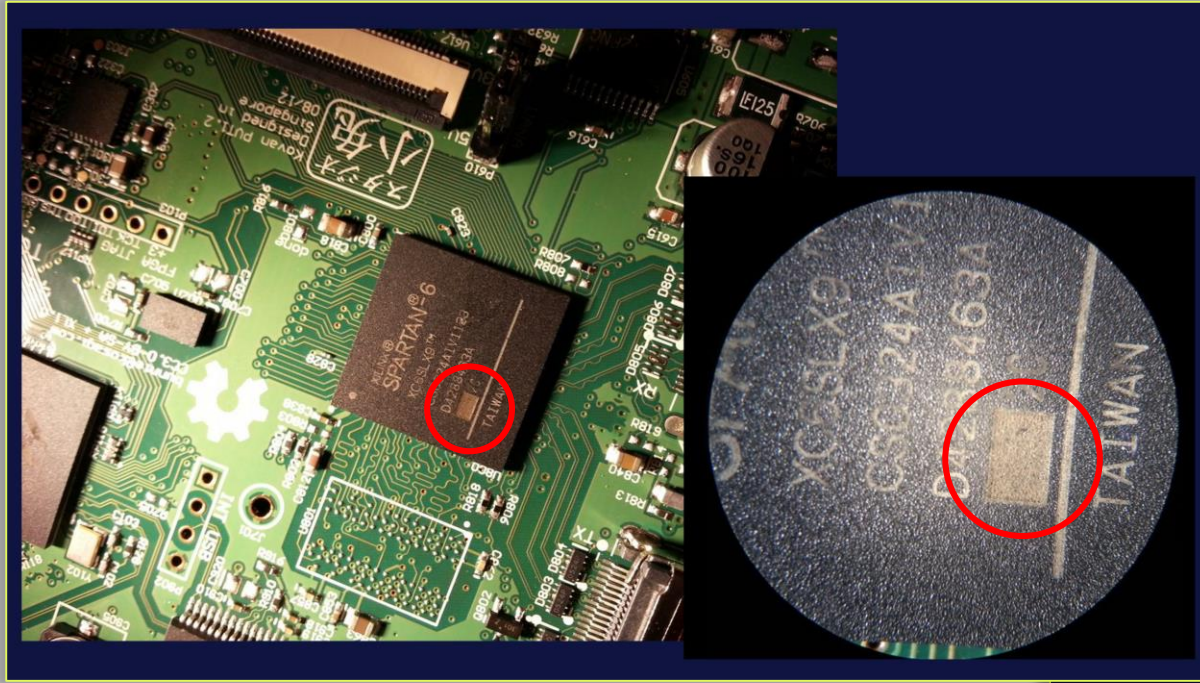
https://aka.ms/7properties

"Supply chains are not friendly territory."

– Andrew "bunnie" Huang, *BlueHat IL 2019*

@bunniestudios

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RqQhWitJ1As

Blending Defects for Profit
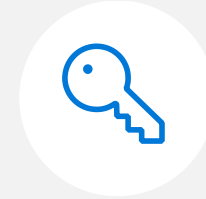
Distributor margin ~3-5%

Additional margin from blending 3% fakes

Some properties depend only on hardware support

Hardware
Root of Trust

Hardware Root of Trust

Unforgeable cryptographic keys generated and protected by hardware

- Hardware to **protect device identity**

- Hardware to **secure software boot**

- Hardware to **attest system integrity**

Some properties depend on hardware and software

Defense in Depth

Dynamic Compartments

Small Trusted Computing Base

Dynamic Compartments

Internal barriers limit the reach of any single failure

- Hardware to **create barriers**

- Software to **configure into compartments**

Some properties depend on hardware, software and cloud

Certificate-Based Authentication

Failure Reporting

Renewable Security

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Device security renewed to overcome emerging and evolving threats

- Cloud to **provide updates**

- Software to **apply updates**

- Hardware to **prevent rollbacks**

Meeting the 7 properties is difficult and costly

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Context Matters:
Hackers attack casino

Attackers gain access to casino database through fish tank

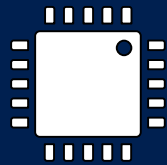Entry point was a connected thermometer

Once in, other vulnerabilities were exploited

Gained access to high-roller database

Opportunity | Risk | Responsibility

Let's secure the future.

SECURED FROM THE SILICON UP

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